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U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Awards \$58 Million Small Business Contract to Advanced Technologies and Laboratories, Inc. for Analytical Services at the Hanford Site

Richland, Washington – DOE's Office of River Protection (ORP) announced today that it has selected a small business, Advanced Technologies and Laboratories, Inc. (ATL), to provide analytical services at the 222-S Laboratory in support of the continuing cleanup of DOE's Hanford Site in southeastern Washington State.

Located in the 200 West area of the site, the 222-S Laboratory analyzes highly radioactive and hazardous waste samples, primarily in support of Hanford tank retrieval and closure, and for other cleanup activities at Hanford. The five-year small business set aside contract is valued at approximately \$58 million.

"The work performed at 222-S is an important part of our strategy for retrieving and treating the waste in Hanford's tanks and reducing risk to the public and the environment by permanently closing the tanks," said Roy Schepens, ORP Manager. "I'm pleased we were able to select a small business with the critical technical and management capabilities to operate this laboratory."

Constructed in 1951, the laboratory employs approximately 70 full-time staff to perform this work scope. The laboratory has a broad range of capabilities for radiochemical, inorganic, and organic analyses, using about 175 analytical methods to meet diverse cleanup needs. Currently, the laboratory performs about 25,000 analyses per year, including those for ongoing tank characterization, retrieval and closure, mission acceleration, and treatment optimization.

"The Office of Environmental Management is committed to providing greater opportunity for small businesses such as ATL to compete for and win procurements that are essentially prime contracts to the government," said Schepens. "We believe ATL's strong safety record and proven experience will ensure continued efficient and effective operations of the 222-S Laboratory." Transition of laboratory operations to ATL will begin upon contract award.

"We have a first-rate team out at the 222-S Laboratory, and we will support a seamless transition for our employees," said Ed Aromi, President and General Manager of CH2M HILL Hanford Group, Inc.

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ORP was created by Congress in 1998 to complete the tank waste cleanup at the Hanford Site. Employing about 100 full-time staff with an annual budget of approximately \$1 billion, ORP's mission is to retrieve and treat Hanford's 53 million gallons of radioactive and chemical waste and permanently close the tank farms to protect the Columbia River.

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